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## NEWS RELEASE

DATE: February 4, 2015

Contact: Det. Mike Baranyay @ 915.564-7322 or 915.564-6950 Pager#1653

### Two Men Charged with Attempted Murder

Date/Time: 02-01-15 @ 00:10am

Location: 10600 Obsidian

Victim: Hispanic Male, 22 years old of El Paso Texas

Arrested: Joshua Mendoza, 21 years old of 6100 Sun Valley

Arrested: Jacob Mendoza, 19 years old of 6100 Sun Valley

EL PASO, TEXAS – Two men are arrested after they are involved in an apparent armed robbery and fire multiple shots at the victim. The El Paso Police Department's Gang Investigations Unit responded to assist Northeast Tactical Officers after they responded to the incident. Investigators have learned that on February 1, 2015 at around 00:10am the victim, a 22 year old man, was approached as he exited his vehicle in the 10600 block of Obsidian and was approached by two males. One of the subjects, identified as 21 year old Joshua Mendoza, grabbed the victim and demanded money from him. When the victim advised the subjects he didn't have anything on him Joshua Mendoza told 19 year old Jacob Mendoza (his brother) to shoot the victim. The victim then began to struggle with Joshua Mendoza and was able to get back into his vehicle and drive away. The victim drove away and turned around to attempt to get a better look at the subjects. At this time, one of the subjects opened fire on the victim's vehicle striking it multiple times. The victim was not hit by a bullet but did fear for his life. Investigators were able to identify Joshua and Jacob Mendoza as the subjects in this case. Gang Investigators forwarded the identities to the Northeast Tactical Unit who then picked them up on the warrants. They have been booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on the charge of Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity – Criminal Attempted Murder. Their bonds were set at:

Joshua Mendoza: \$500,000.00

Jacob Mendoza: \$150,000.00

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